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### VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

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JOSEPH TORKINGTON of Virginia in the parts beyond the Seas, Planter. Will 28 January 1652 [i. e. 1651-2]; proved 26 April 1652. The temporall estate whereof it hath pleased God to place mee his Steward as well in Virginia as in this Commonwealth of England I give it all to my brother Samuell Torkinton, citizen and grocer of London, whom I make my executor. Witnesses: Zach. Crompton, John Hothersall, Richard Hopkins, Harbert Akehurst, Edward Bridgman.

Brent, 320.

[The only thing approaching a list of colonial emigrants to Virginia is the collection of land grants in the State Land Office, though this does not contain very many names of persons who settled here. The name Torkington does not appear among the grants. The will of John Tarkington, of North Carolina, was proved there in 1716.]

JAQUES JONES of St. Catherine Colman, London, yeoman. Will 7 June 1629; proved 20 April 1629. To my daughter Marie Jones who (as I hope) now liveth in Virginia £5. To daughter Anne Jones £10 and to daughter Elizabeth Jones £10 when 21 or married. Residuary Legatee and Executrix: Wife Alice. Witnesses: Rich. Alsoper, Scr., Darby Younge, Robert Wallis, servant to the said Scr.

Archdeaconry of London, Book 7, folio 45.

AYLIFFE WILLIAMS, lately of North Carolina in America, planter, now residing in Westminster. Will 22 November 1734; proved 2 May 1735. As to my body I do not think about it but if it may be of service to others I care not what is done with it. All moneys due from my attorneys Christopher and Edmund Gale, Esqrs., of North Carolina, the receipt for which is in hands of David O. Sheal of Nansimond County in Virginia according

to my book B., to my executors. My land on New River to be sold. Mr. Henry Nean of Compton Street, St. Ann's, Westminster, to be paid what I owe him and £10. To Mr. James Webb of Broad Street behind the Royal Exchange, perwig maker, £10. To my mother Mrs. Esther Williams of Old Gravel Lane, Wapping, the rest. If she dies, among my brother John Williams and my sister Esther Taylor, who are to assist the children of our unhappy brother Daniel as they see occasions. Executors: Mr. Henry Nean and Mr. James Webb. Witnesses: Oliver Farmer, Wm. Coumbe.

Ducie, 113.

[David O'Sheal, of Nansemond county, seems to have been a lawyer of some prominence. In April, 1737, on the death of Sir John Randolph, he was chosen to succeed him as Recorder of Norfolk.]

ROBERT JOHNSTON of the Colony of Virginia, merchant, at present in London. Will 5 March 1765; proved 5 April 1766. All lands etc. in Virginia and elsewhere to Mr. James Russell of London, merchant, and make him my executor. Witnesses: Jno. Johnston, Joseph Wilkinson, George Hill.

Tyndall, 144.

JOHN MASSENBURGH of Elizabeth City County in Virginia, Mariner, now lodging with Mr. Thomas Turner, Baker, in St. Catherine's near the Tower of London. Will 15 May 1749; proved 6 July 1749. My plantations etc. in Elizabeth City County to my four Brothers Nicholas, Josiah, Zachariah, and Robert Massenburgh, they to pay £80 Virginia currency to my three sisters Susannah, Barbora, and Elizabeth, to whom I give all my stock and negroes and the residue of my goods. Executors: Brother Nicholas and Mr. Thomas Turner. Witnesses: Chas. Turner, Elizabeth Chambers, Thos. Cotton, attorney in Red Lyon Street, Wapping.

Lisle, 225.

[The name Massenburgh or Massingberd was of prominence in Lincolnshire, England, but it is not known that any connection has ever been traced between them and the Virginians of the name. There is but little accessible information in regard to the family in Virginia. Representatives of the name, doubtless from the same stock, lived in

Elizabeth City and Sussex counties. John Massenburgh patented seventy-five acres in Elizabeth City, adjoining his own land, August 20, 1741. There is a deed in Elizabeth City, dated December, 1761, to Josiah Massenburgh of that county. The will of Nicholas Massenburgh was dated April 4, 1772, and proved in Sussex, April 16, 1772, the legatees being his wife Lucy, son Nicholas, and children (whom he does not name). His wife, brother-in-law John Cargill and sons Nicholas and John Massenburgh, executors. The will of Ann Cargill of Sussex, dated October 27, 1780, includes bequests to her daughter Elizabeth Massenburgh and to John Massenburgh. John and William Massenburgh were justices of Sussex, 1798. William Massenburgh justice of Sussex, 1804. William Massenburgh, County Lieutenant of Sussex, resigned 1799. Died March 2, 1845, aged 47. Col. Thomas Massenburgh of Greensville county, who was born and lived some time in Sussex, and was J. P., left a wife and six children (*Newspaper obituary*). Dr. W. A. Massenburgh of Southampton county, alive 1843. Alexander Massenburgh was a master in the Virginia Revolutionary Navy. Joseph Massenburgh, member of the Warwick county Committee of Safety, 1774. John Massenburgh, clerk of the Sussex county Committee of Safety, 1775. There was a later emigration from England. A newspaper obituary gives the death January 1, 1842, at his residence in Pocahontas county, Va., of George Massenberg, aged nearly ninety, a native of England "and one of the first families of that country," who came to Virginia about the close of the American Revolution.]

JOHN MICHELSON of Virginia, Merchant, now in London. Will 7 September 1749; proved 19 August 1750. All estate to father Mr. James Michelson, Jeweller, in Edinburgh in North Britain. Executors in London: My Brother Mr. James Michelson, Jeweller, and Mr. William Bowden, merchant, both of London. Executors in Virginia: The Honourable William Nelson, Esquire, and Richard Ambler, Esquire, both of York Town in Virginia. Witnesses: James Catwell, Jon. Blanshard, and Jon. Mackaners. Proved by Brother James, power reserved to other executors.

Glazier, 227.

BRETT RANDOLPH late of H. M. Colony in America called Virginia, but now of Dursley in County Gloucester in England, Esquire. Will 31 August 1759; proved 25 October 1759. To Wife Mary the rents and profits of my estate called Warwicke

in Chesterfield County in Virginia. To Joseph Farrell of Bristol, merchant, James Murray of Prince George County in Virginia, Esq., John Markham of Chesterfield County in Virginia, Gent., and John Scott of Dursley County Gloucester, Peruke maker, all Tenements called Chester and Scotts in Virginia and my lands in the Great Patent in Luiningberg and Bedford Counties in Virginia during the minority of my children and to sell them if they think to their advantage. To daughter Susannah, if my wife be not ensient at my decease, £2000 when 21; if my wife be ensient, then the £2000 equally between the two children, and I also give the profits of lands and negroes at Curls I am entitled to after decease of my mother by the will of my late father to my wife until my son Henry and other children are 21. If my children die I give the lands at Warwick to my Brother Ryland charged with payment of £1000 to my father in law the said John Scott of Dursley and Susannah his wife. To Brother John freehold lands at Fighting Creek in Cumberland County in Virginia charged with payment of £1000 to father in law John Scott and Susannah his wife. Residuary Legatees and Executors: Wife Mary, Joseph Farrell, James Murray, John Markham, and John Scott. Witnesses: E. Wallington, Chas. Whit-tard, Will Holbrow.

Arran, 337.

[Brett Randolph, son of Richard Randolph of "Curles," Henrico county, was born in 1732 and spent most of his life in England. He married in London, July 14, 1753, Mary Scott, and had issue: (1) Richard, born August 17, 1754, and died September 8, 1775, at "Chester," near Warwick, Chesterfield county; (2) Henry, born October 7, 1758, at Woodmancoate, Dursley, England, returned to Virginia and married Lucy, daughter of Seth Ward of Chesterfield county; (3) Brett, born 1760, returned to Virginia and married Anne, daughter of Richard Randolph, Jr., of "Curles"; (4) Susanna, married August 23, 1783, at the parish church of North Nobley, Gloucestershire, Charles Douglass of Standes, Mt. Fitchet, Essex, England (born October 11, 1752, at Sawbridge court, Herefordshire), stated to have been son and heir of Captain Charles Douglas of the British Army, second son of Col. Charles Douglas of the "Old Buffs," who was killed at Carthagen. Col. Douglas is said to have been second cousin and heir-presumptive of the Earl of Moreton. Charles Douglas and his wife came to Virginia, and her beautiful full-length portrait by Copley is one of his most noted works. For an account of the descendants of

Henry and Lucy (Ward) Randolph see Goode's "Virginia Cousins," page 111, &c., and for the children of Brett and Anne Randolph see Robertson's "Descendants of Pocahontas," page 47. There are several deeds in Chesterfield county in regard to Mrs. Mary (Scott) Randolph's interest in her husband's Virginia property.]

ERASMUS FELGATE. Memorandum that on or about 1st days of February Anno Dni 1621(2) Erasmus Felgate of Parish of St. Buttolphes without Aldersgate London Taylor said that his five children being four sons and one daughter should have £20 apiece out of his estate. Residuary Legatee and Executrix: Wife Margerie. Proved 5 March 1621(2).

Savile, 23.

[A London family of Felgate was actively interested in the settlement of Virginia. There were three brothers—Tobias, a merchant captain, who made many voyages to Virginia; William, of London, skinner, a member of the Virginia Company, and Robert. The last two settled in Virginia. As Robert Felgate had a son, Erasmus, there was probably relationship between the brothers and the testator above. Perhaps they were his sons.]

LAWRENCE BOHUNE of London, Doctor in Phisicke. Will 10 March 1620; proved 29 April 1622. My wife Alice to have all my esta e, but if she marries only one half and the other half to be divided among our children, viz: Elizabeth Bohune, Edward Barnes, Anne Barnes, and Dorothy Barnes, my daughter Elizabeth to have £10 over and above my wife's children. Residuary Legatee and Executrix: Wife Alice. Witnesses: John . . . (sic) Thomas Nicolls, Nichol Gibson, Tho. Tailor, Ed. Constable. [Late of Lambeth in County Surrey but in parts beynd the seas deceased.—Probate Act Book.]

Savile, 30.

[Dr. Bohun, who was "a long time brought up amongst the most learned surgeons and physicians in the Netherlands," came to Virginia with Lord De la Warr in 1610. He was granted land in the colony, and on December 13, 1620, was appointed Physician-General to Virginia. He soon after sailed from England on the *Margaret and John*, Captain Chester. In the latter part of March, 1621, this vessel had a severe action with two Spanish men-of-war in the West Indies, and Dr. Bohun was killed. When he was mortally wounded, Captain

Chester embraced him, saying, "What a misfortune is this!" and Dr. Bohun replied: "Fight on, brave men, the cause is good, and Lord receive my soul." The Spaniards finally were driven off.]

JOHN LUDWELL of St. John's in Glaston, county Somerset, husbandman. Will 24 March 1650-1; proved 7 August 1651. To poor of St. John's £1. os. od. To Mr. Luffe to preach my funeral sermon 10s., for my grave in the Church 6s. 8d. To Amy daughter of Thomas Townsed of Pillton 1s. To Thomas Ludwell my brother 10s. To John son of said Thomas 1s. To Thomas son of said Thomas 1s. To my brother William Harris of Somerton 1s. Residuary Legatee and Executor: My brother William Stickler. Overseers: Richard Bytham of Glaston and Robert Stone of Northover. Witnesses: Richard Bayle and Richard Bitham.

Grey, 161.

[It is possible that this John Ludwell was a brother of Thomas Ludwell of Bruton, Somerset, who was father of Thomas and Philip Ludwell, emigrants to Virginia. The tradition in the family in Virginia is that the Ludwells were originally from the continent of Europe. Probably they were Protestant exiles. See for the Ludwells *William and Mary Quarterly*, XIX, 199, &c.]